

Church News

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ship enjoyed and the blessings received. XXX.

KENTUCKY.

Harvey Browne Memorial Church, St. Matthews (near Louisville): This church, which was recently organized, is the only Protestant church in St. Matthews, and is beginning with bright prospects of immediate growth. Preaching services are held twice a week—Thursday evening and Sunday morning—and the Sunday-school, though small in numbers, is alive and enthusiastic. William T. McElroy, a student in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Kentucky, has taken charge of the work under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of Louisville Presbytery.

LOUISIANA.

Upper Tangipahoo Parish: Between June 1st and October 15th Rev. C. O'N. Martindale, as an evangelist of New Orleans Presbytery, has received 25 members into the churches—at Amite 4, Kentwood 9 and Arcola 12, and the work is developing encouragingly. To the Master we give the praise. A fine Bible class is organized at Kentwood, and an excellent teacher training work at Arnite.

Norwood: Rev. E. S. Brainard resigned his pastorate here Sunday the 8th instant and will go to Humboldt, Tenn., where he has accepted a call. Mr. Brainard and his wife have been with us for more than three years, during which time they have so endeared themselves to every one of this community by their exemplary Christian life that it is with exceeding regret that we give them up and the prayers of the Christian people of every name go with them to their new field of labor. This leaves an excellent field open to a young single man or of small family and correspondence with the clerk of the session, Mr. I. D. Norwood, is invited. J. L. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Synod's Home Mission Work, for the Synod's year now closing: God has set His seal upon the mission work of the Synod in the year now closing. Thirty-nine men were engaged, nearly all the whole year. They occupied thirty-three fields in which they supplied ninety-four weak churches and forty-four mission stations. They preached 4,660 sermons, witnessing 2,667 professions of faith. They received 1,011 upon profession into the Presbyterian Church. They organized nineteen Sunday-schools and seven churches and built six churches, and they raised \$2,499.08 for the support of the work, the work has been the in number of fields occupied and churches and mission stations supplied, in Sunday-schools organized, and in the amount they raised for the support of the work, the work has seen the best of all the twenty-eight years of its history. It has also been the best year in the twenty-eight, in the contributions given by God's people for its support, \$2,718.86 more than last year and a thousand dollars more than in any previous year. Note also that our evangelists closed their work for report October 1st this year, instead of at Synod, so that only eleven months of their work is included in the whole report, and the treasurer closed his accounts for audit ten days before Synod. In the enlarged work undertaken we would have faced the year with fear and trembling, for the finances, except for faith in God and His people. We were justified in the support that has been given. Yet the work has cost \$14,467.21—\$1,312.22 more than the contributions given, and

we carried over from last year indebtedness \$2,887.50, so that we owe for the work done, \$4,199.72. Oh that God would move the hearts of His people to untie our hands now that we might go forward to the greater work to which He is calling us, into which He is even thrusting us, and from which we cannot hold back without disloyalty to Him and faithlessness to our trust. The call was never so strong, the opportunity never so great and God sets the seal of His blessing upon every onward movement we make. Backward or forward, which? We cannot stand still.

A. W. Crawford,
Superintendent.

Gastonia, First Church: Rev. J. C. Shive occupied our pulpit Sunday morning, October 8th, in the interest of the canvass of King's Mountain Presbytery for a special equipment fund of \$6,000 for Westminster School. He delivered an uncommonly strong address on Christian education to a large congregation. During the week following he raised more than \$2,000 in cash and pledges that were bankable, so that he had a cashier's check for the entire sum. This made the amount needed for the school, though there are several smaller churches to be heard from. Doubtless he will have enough to pay all the expenses of the canvass and turn in \$6,000 to be used on the school. This work has been done in six or seven weeks, and only the leading churches have been visited. The results have gone beyond expectation, as this was as unfavorable a time to make such a canvass of our churches as well could be. Half of the amount is cash, and the balance soon due.

Mr. Shive is about the best financial agent we know. He gets the money and at the same time makes friends for the cause and does not leave a bad taste in the mouth of the people who give. He has just concluded a campaign for Davidson College that was conducted with marked success. We were very fortunate to be able to secure him for this work in the short interim that fell between his work for Davidson and his entering upon the active duties of the presidency of Albemarle Institute, which he has just accepted. Mr. Shive seems peculiarly fitted for that important position, and under his leadership we predict for that excellent institution an increasingly bright and useful career.

At our October communion service nine members were received, making seventeen additions to the Gastonia First church since the last communion in July.

Crowder's Creek: During the latter part of September, Rev. T. H. Watkins, evangelist of King's Mountain Presbytery, held a very successful and fruitful meeting in the Presbyterian tent at Crowder's Creek, an outpost where Rev. G. A. Sparrow, pastor of Union and Olney churches, has had an afternoon appointment. There was deep interest among the people, and some twelve additions to Olney church. The whole community was revived and helped. This week Mr. Watkins is preaching at old New Hope church to large and interested congregations. Rev. R. S. Burwell is the pastor of the church. About November 1st we expect Mr. Watkins to begin a series of services at the Clara Mill Hall, under the auspices of the Gastonia First church. During all the summer and fall he has been conducting a vigorous evangelistic campaign in the Presbytery, especially among the weaker churches and in Home Mission territory.

Bethany Church: Rev. W. M. Sikes, D. D., of Newton, assisted the pastor of Bethany church, the Rev. Ovid Pullen, in a protracted meeting during the week beginning October 8th, in

which there was considerable interest on the part of the church members, and one person was led to make a public profession of faith in Christ. Quite a number of reconsecrations were made and vows formed to lend more active assistance in the work of the church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Pullen, is held in high esteem by the people of his charge, and he is doing a splendid work among an established and loyal people. Bethany is one of the old country churches of Concord Presbytery, over which the Rev. James Hall, D. D., of sainted memory, was installed pastor in 1778. His body now rests within the statetly rock walls of this beautiful churchyard, after having served the church as pastor for twenty-six years.

Davidson: The rise in the price of building material and increasing labor cost is giving the committee in charge of the building of the new gymnasium a problem that is not so easy of solution. Of the \$100,000 recently added to the funds of the College it was agreed that \$25,000 should be used in the erection of a new and absolutely up-to-date gymnasium, equipped with all needed apparatus, and provided also with a swimming pool. A large structure and so equipped, it was figured, could be built with this amount of money. It is now seen that it will require \$5,000 more to provide such a building and swimming pool. President Martin laid the case before the students this week at chapel and asked for a written vote that shall help the committee to a decision: Shall the gymnasium be reduced in size and a swimming pool be provided now, or shall the size as originally planned—a building large enough to serve 500 students—be agreed on and the swimming pool attachment be left for a future day when more funds will be available? The current issue of the Davidsonian makes an appeal to the students for a patriotic and altruistic response, urging that the larger building be erected, the present body of students sacrificing any claims they might feel justified in putting forth for the swimming pool and leaving this luxury and delight to be enjoyed by those who come after them. It is thought that the vote will certainly favor the more spacious building.

The Debating Council has approved the contract for a debate to be held again this winter with Emory University. In the two previous debates Davidson won in the first, Emory in the second.

The Y. M. C. A. Social Centre, occupying the second floor of the present gymnasium (old Y. M. C. A. building), was opened to the students this week. In the room are magazines and other publications of interest. There are also a number of select games and phonograph with records. The place promises to prove again this year a popular one.

Professor H. B. Arbuckle and a number of the students attended the Christian Endeavor Convention meeting in Greensboro last week. The Davidson organization is starting out in its work with great enthusiasm and zeal.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia Theological Seminary: The student volunteers had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Grinnan, of Woodrow Memorial church, talk on the preparation of a student for foreign mission work. He is well equipped to make such a talk, as he has been a missionary to Japan. He exhorted the men to absolutely yield themselves to God in selecting the country in which they would labor and as to the character of the work itself. He said that one should study national relationships and conditions before going to the

field, if he would be successful. One should also study how to refute the theories of various authors. The writings of Spencer, Huxley, Briggs, Driver, Darwin and others should be read. C.

Columbia Seminary: Recently the Missionary Society of the Seminary has adopted an amendment to its constitution so that it is now associated with the Y. M. C. A. movement. This will keep this society in touch with world student movements. The change was occasioned by the suggestion of the Seminary secretary, Mr. Micou, who visited the South last session. Dr. Seegers, of the Lutheran Seminary, is to speak to the men soon. It is hoped that Dr. James I. Vance will address the society in December when he visits Columbia. Dr. Vance is a Presbyterian pastor of Nashville, Tenn.

The annual reception for the new men of the Seminary was held Monday night. Young ladies from Chicago College, Columbia College and the city were there. A number of University students and other friends of the Seminary boys were also present. The large crowd was entertained principally on the lawn, which was lighted with artificial lights and by the moon. Refreshments were served.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, West Side Church: On Sunday morning, the 16th, our church celebrated its quarterly communion service. Rev. John I. Armstrong, D. D., preached for us and administered the communion. Eight were received into the communion of the church on profession of faith, two on re-statement of faith, four by letters from other churches—a total of fourteen. Three received the ordinance of baptism. This church has been served by Mr. Johan A. Brunberg, a student from the Seminary at Clarksville, during the summer. By request of the Session he has been retained as pastor of our church. We have one of the best Sunday schools in the Presbytery. With an enrollment of 104, we maintain an attendance of from 90 to 100. We have nine classes taught by efficient teachers. The organized Bible class is one of the greatest assets of the school. Mr. W. H. Clarke is our very enthusiastic and capable superintendent. The mid-week prayer meeting service has been well attended. The attendance all summer has ranged from twenty-six to sixty-five. Our Christian Endeavor Society, only six weeks old, has an enrollment of thirty-five. The Ladies' Aid, working faithfully in their booth at the State Fair with signal success, have had the church painted, the brick work painted, doors grained, etc., besides giving us a new stove. On Tuesday night, the 10th, the men of our church gathered at the home of Mr. W. H. Clarke for an oyster supper and a discussion of the work of the church. Great interest was manifested, and already the results are beginning to show.

This is a great field to work in and gives promise of much fruit. God is with us in the work and we shall have victory with Him. Cor.

TEXAS.

Dallas, First: Two years ago our Cradle Roll "boasted" thirty-three members. About this time, the pastor, Dr. William M. Anderson, secured the services of Miss Mary E. Kirkland as deaconess. Considerable interest was aroused in all lines of activity, and the Cradle Roll came in for its full share of attention. Miss Kirkland was made secretary, and from then till now has handled the Cradle Roll Department even without the aid of a Cradle Roll superintendent. Twenty-
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